

## INTIMATIONS.

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Black Seats 5 Cents. All other parts  
30 Cents.

M. J. ABRAHAMSON,  
Business Agent.  
Chicago, 12th May, 1883. [928]

**TO LET.**  
With Possession from 1st June.  
SEMI-DETACHED VILLAS on  
Celine Road, each containing 5 Rooms,  
Baths, and all Conveniences. Lawns

to Kobe, Nagasaki, &c., &c.  
 apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAFLAIRE & Co.**  
 giving, 12th May, 1882. 1936

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**STEAM TO SHANGHAI.**  
**E. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship**

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**"MIRAPORÉ."**  
 leave for the above place at DAYLIGHT,  
 SUNDAY, the 13th instant.  
 J. W. WOODIN,  
 Acting Superintendent.  
 leaving, 12th May, 1883.

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to YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI,  
 leaving on the 13th inst., at 10 A.M.,  
 leaving OFFICE of CALLEN & HIGGS,  
 (Facing through the ISLAND SEA).  
**E. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship**

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**"TASHIGAR."**

for the above place TO-MORROW,  
 3rd May, at TEN A.M.  
 L. WOODIN,  
 Acting Superintendent.  
 Singapore, 12th May, 1888.

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FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.  
 Spanish Steamer  
 "EMUY"  
 in Bencaneta, will be despatched for the  
 Ports on TUESDAY Next, the 15th  
 instant. Freight and Passage apply to  
 REBBIODIOS & Co.  
 Singapore, 11th May, 1888. [384]

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FOR NEW YORK.  
 S.S. A. L. American Racer  
 "CHARLES THAYER,"  
 Captain, will load here for the above  
 place, and will have quick despatch.  
 Freight apply to  
 ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

**WHITE MONDAY.**

in accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1879, the Undermentioned Banks will be SHUT for the Transaction of Public Business on **MONDAY, the 14th instant.**

the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,  
J. McLELLIN WATSON,  
Manager, Hongkong.

the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA,  
J. D. TRAILL,  
Pro Manager, Hongkong.

the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,  
WILLIAM COCHRAN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI CORPORATION,

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Courtesy, 11th May, 1883.

**NOTICE.**

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.**  
The Institute will hold on FRIDAY, the 17th inst., at Eleven P.M. in the Hall of the Institute.

**J. K. REEBROOK,**  
Honorary Secretary.

(927)



TENDER will be received by the Under-Secretary, or before FOUR O'CLOCK P.M. on THURSDAY, the 2nd inst., from all persons desiring to put in tenders for erecting a BUILDING POOL in Cal State College, according to Specification and Conditions which can be seen on application to the Chief Stockkeeper's Office.  
It is not to reject the tender of any Tenderer who may desire to do so.

**WILLIAM HYNES,**  
Acting Stockkeeper.

M. Javal Yacht,  
Longbeach, 10th May, 1883.

[925]

**WANTED TO PURCHASE—Two or more PARTNERS of about 40 Tons capacity (either Iron or Wood).**

Capt. FRYER,  
 Care of Messrs. Dunn, Melbye & Co.,  
 Canton, 9th May, 1883.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
 CANTON, LIMITED.

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**  
**FIRST INTERIM BONUS** of Twenty per Cent upon Contributions for the 1882, has THIS DAY been declared.  
 WARRANTS may be had on application at the central Society on and after the 21st inst. by Order of the Board.  
**DOUGLAS JONES.**  
 Acting Secretary.  
 Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. [908]  
**INA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.**  
 (LIMITED)

**NOTICE.**

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be Closed from the 21st to the 30th of each month, both days inclusive.

**J. B. JARVINE, MANAGER & Co.,**  
General Agents.

Shanghai, 4th May, 1887.

**NOTICE.**

THE Offices of the Undersigned have this day been REMOVED to the 1st Floor of 48 Queen's Road Central, above Achew's Picture Store.

**DUNNYS & MOSBOP**  
Solicitors and Notaries Public.

Shanghai, 4th March, 1883.







<p><b>RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.</b>  <b>Agents,</b>  <b>ARNOLD, KARBERG &amp; CO.</b>          Hongkong, 4th September, 1879.</p>	<p><b>THE NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.</b></p>
<p><b>THE undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.</b></p>	<p><b>GILMAN &amp; CO.</b>          Hongkong, 1st January, 1882.</p>



## EXTRACTS.

## "THE HIDDEN HAND."

As the cold steel struck the jangle's shade,  
In the wood's dim shadowing undergrowth;  
As the lightning flashed from the sable cloud,  
And leaves no trace of the light's black shroud,  
So came the track of a blood-red hand.

The hidden hand.

Out from the deck—must the slouch-bound fall  
Of count at feet of the darky veil?  
Follow close the enigmatical track  
Of the hidden hand, and then fall back  
Balanced, missing the hand, that slays?

The hidden hand.

Hired assassin, who stay for hire,  
May fill the tale till the treasure time;  
We need the hand that slays, not none  
The hidden hand that craves the purse;  
Care gold that slays and can point the knife  
At Enn's life.

Secret, sinister, unrelenting,  
Ruthless ever, though well concealed,  
Quivers it not with a late-born fear?  
Shivers it not with the howl of a snarl?  
The hand that slays and yet dreads the brand  
That hidden hand?

## THE BALLOON TREE.

(Continued.)

It was near sunset on the second day of our journey when Kiloa, who was riding several rods in advance of us, uttered a quick cry, leaped from his saddle, and stooped to the ground.

Briery was at his side in an instant. Followed with less agility, my joints were very stiff, and I had to stoop to the ground to get on my feet. Briery was on his hands and knees, eagerly examining the soil. Then he was on his feet, rubbing his forehead in the dust, as if in a religious ecstasy, and warbling the same falsetto notes that we had heard at the holy woman's hut.

"What beast's trail have you struck?" I demanded.

"The trail of no beast," answered Briery almost angrily. "Do you see this broad round shadow of the surface, where a heavy weight has rested? Do you see these little troughs in the fresh earth, radiating from the centre like the points of a star? They are the scars left by slender roots torn up from their shallow beds. Do you see Kiloa's hysterical performance? Tell you we are on the track of the Sacred Tree. It has been here, and not long."

Acting under Briery's excited instructions we continued the hunt on foot. Kiloa started towards the east, I towards the west, and Briery took the southward course.

To cover the ground thoroughly, we agreed to advance in gradually widening zigzags, communicating with each other at intervals by pistol shots. There would have been no more foolish arrangement. In a quarter of an hour I had lost my head and my bearings in a thicket. For another quarter of an hour I discharged my revolver repeatedly without getting a single response from east or south. I spent the remainder of daylight in a blundering effort to make my way back to the place where the horses were, and then the sun went down, leaving me in sudden darkness, alone in a wilderness of the extent and character of which I had not the faintest idea.

I will spare you the history of my suffering during the whole of that night, and the next day, and the next night, and another day. When it was dark I wandered about in blind despair, longing for daylight, not daring to sleep or even to stop, and in continual terror of the unknown dangers that surrounded me. In the daytime I longed for night, for the sun scorched my way through the thickest roof that the luxuriant foliage afforded, and drove me nearly mad. The provisions in my haversack were eaten, and my canteen was empty. I should have died of thirst had it not been for the bell-shaped cactus, which I found twice. But in that horrible experience neither the torture of hunger and thirst, nor the torture of heat equalled the misery of the thought that my life was to be sacrificed to the delusion of a crazy botanist, who had dreamed of the impossible.

On the second afternoon, still staggering aimlessly on through the jungle, I lost my last strength and fell to the ground. Despair and indifference had long since given way to an eager desire for the end. I closed my eyes with indelible relief; the hot sun seemed to pass my face as consciousness departed.

Did a beautiful and gentle woman come to me while I lay unconscious, and take my head in her lap, and put her arms around me? Did she press her face to mine, and in a whisper bid me have courage? This was the belief that filled my mind when it struggled back for a moment into consciousness. I clung to it as the warm, soft arms and sweet voice again.

Do not look at each other and smile, gentlemen; in that cruel wilderness, in my helpless condition, I found pity and benign tenderness. The next time my senses returned I saw that something was bending over me—something majestic if not beautiful, human if not human, gracious if not woman. The arms that held me drew me up as were moist, and they brushed with the pulsation of life. There was a faint, sweet odour, like the smell of a woman's perfume. The touch was a caress, the clasp an embrace.

Can I describe that form? No, not with the consciousness that would satisfy the Quakeresses and the Briery. I say that the trunk was massive, that the arms and legs were from the ground and held me carefully and gently were flexible and symmetrically disposed. Above my head there was a wreath of strange foliage, and in the midst of it a dazzling sphere of scarlet. The scarlet globe grew while I watched it, but the effort of watching cost me much for me.

Remember, if you please, that at this time physical exhaustion and mental torture had brought me to the point where I passed to and fro between consciousness and unconsciousness as easily and as frequently as one fluctuates between slumber and wakefulness during a night of fever. It seemed the most natural thing in the world that in my extreme weakness I should be lulled and lulled by a caress. I did not see, but I felt the pulsation of this good fortune, or try to analyze it; I simply accepted it as a matter of course, as a child accepts a benefit from an unexpected quarter. The one idea that possessed me was that I had found an unknown friend, instead of my enemy, and that I had rendered all responsibility for my own fate.

And as night came on it seemed to me that the scarlet ball overhead became enormous, I listened, so that it almost filled the sky. Was I gently rocked by the supple arms that still held me? Were we floating off together into the air? I did not know or care. Now I fancied that I was in my bath on board ship, cradled by the swell of the sea; now that I was borne on with prodigious speed through the darkness by my own volition. The sense of incessant motion affected all my dreams. Whenever I awoke I felt a cold breeze steadily beating against my face—the first breath of air since we had landed. I was happy, happy, and I had rendered all responsibility for my own fate.

I had gained the perception of a being of superior power.

"The brandy flask, Kiloa!"

It was daylight. I lay upon the ground and Briery was supporting my shoulders,

In his face was a look of bewilderment that I shall never forget.

"My God!" he cried, "and how did you get here? We gave up the search two days ago."

The brandy flask in my hand, I staggered to my feet and looked around. The cause of Briery's extreme amazement was apparent at a glance. We were not in the wilderness. We were in the shade. There was the bay and the ship's anchor, half a mile off. They were already lowering a boat to send for us.

And there to the south was a bright red spot on the horizon, hardly larger than the morning star—the Ballon Tree returning to the wilderness. I saw it, Briery saw it, the savage Kiloa saw it, and he reached it with a shout. We watched it with very different emotions. Kiloa, with superstitious reverence, Briery with scientific interest, and intense disappointment, I with a heart full of wonder and gratitude.

I clasped my forehead with both hands. It was no dream, then. The Tree, the caress, the embrace, the scarlet ball, the night journey through the air, were not mere illusions, but incidents of delirium. Call it, then, or call it plant-animal—there it was! Let men of science quarrel over the question of its existence in Nature; this I know: It had found me dying and had brought me more than a hundred miles straight to the ship where I belonged. Under Providence, gentlemen, that sentient and intelligent vegetable organization saved my life.

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At this point the Colonel got up and left the club. He was very much annoyed. Pretty soon Briery came in, briskly as usual. He picked up an uncut copy of Lord Bragmuche's "Travels in Kerguelen's Land," and settled himself in an easy-chair at the corner of the fireplace.

Young Traddles staidly approached the veteran globe trotter. "Excuse me, Mr. Briery," said he, "but I should like to ask you a question about the Ballon Tree. Were there scientific reasons for believing that its sex was male?"

"Ah," interrupted Briery, looking bored, "the sex of the tree? Well, you see, the tree is a very peculiar one. It has a very peculiar shape, and a very peculiar colour. It is a very peculiar tree, and a very peculiar one."

"Why not?" said young Traddles. "You have said the Tree as a scarlet spot against the horizon."

"By Jove, another one!" said Briery, clapping his hands. "You see, the tree is a very peculiar one. It has a very peculiar shape, and a very peculiar colour. It is a very peculiar tree, and a very peculiar one."

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## BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## HIGHEST AWARD AND PRIZE MEDAL.

PHARMACEUTICAL EXHIBITION, 1879.  
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## HONGKONG MARKETS.

ANALYST'S OFFICE ON THE 12th MAY, 1883.

COTTON GOODS.  
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